

halls and private residences.

We bless the Lord for it all, and pray his special blessing to rest upon all who have in any way rendered help to the accomplishing of all that we now enjoy. W. M. LYON.

From the Secretary

My report of today, March 31, shows that the total cash receipts for the Washington church fund have footed up to the amount of thirty-three hundred and eighty-one and 29 100 dollars. It is needless to say that this amount exceeds the highest expectation of all concerned. Before I paid the option of three hundred dollars I had made arrangements to use my own note of five hundred dollars, and was keeping myself in readiness to raise from two to three hundred dollars of cash, besides, from private sources in case the brethren should fail to respond to the call in sufficient amounts to secure the property.

I am of course gratified that I am entirely relieved from assuming any personal responsibility. I have already extended my thanks to the editor for his interest in the work, also to several others that assisted in arousing interest in the enterprise, and now wish to express my almost inexpressible appreciation to all that in any way contributed to this unparalleled success: first and foremost to my brethren of the ministry, who it appears took hold of the work as one man. Never before have we had such co-operation; and secondly, to all the dear brethren and sisters and little folks who contributed of their means, whether it was little or much. The small amounts of ten and twenty five cents were often very touching to me, because the donors knew that their names and amounts would in most instances be published. Sister Detwiler's canvass contributed in no small degree to the success of the work, the liberal response from the Washington brethren deserves special mention because they are nearly all young people working for small salaries, and at least three of them but recently married and gone to house keeping. This shows that they are interested in the work of the Lord.

While complimenting each other over the success we have scored let us not overlook Him who is the true secret of all real success in life. It was God who hears and answers prayer and honors faith that has given us, thru the hearts of the people, the necessary means to purchase the church, and He has given gospel measure, pressed down and running over. Praise his holy name.

I thank the dear friends for the many letters of kindly approval written to me. It was scarcely possible for me to reply to very many as my time is so completely occupied, hence take this method of conveying my thanks. It is easy and pleasant to occupy a responsible position when one's course is so universally approved. I received but one letter of adverse criticism during the whole canvass.

As my report shows there is a surplus of money, I do not know at this writing what we shall do with that: reduce the mortgage,

of course, if we can, but we may not be able to do that. The money will, however, be carefully handled. The missionary fund was almost entirely neglected during the month of March, so that our missionaries are in need, and must have immediate help. I do not feel that I have a right to appropriate one dollar of the church fund to the missionary fund, unless so directed by the donors, I trust the friends will bear with us for sending out an appeal for more money along with our expressions of gratitude for what has been sent. Remember it is the Lord's work, not ours.

I hope to be able to make a final report of this work next week. I expect to be with the brethren in Washington, Sunday, April 1, and make settlement for the church on the 2nd. If we do not strike any unforeseen hitches everything will be adjusted in a few days more.

Again thanking all the friends for their many "hopes of success" and "God bless you", I am yours in the Lord.

J. B. CASSEL,
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

March Report of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church

GENERAL FUND

Etta Crawford, Dimple, Mo.,	\$ 1 25
A Sister, Columbus, Ohio,	70
Will and Ida Meyers, Nevada, Mo.,	3 00
California church per M. Shively,	3 65
Mary K. Fair, Hardy, Neb.,	1 00
L. Mary Dietz, Hudson, Iowa,	1 00
National S. S. C. E.,	10 00
Total,	\$20 60

WASHINGTON FUND

S Berkeybille, Altoona, Pa.,	\$ 1 00
Brethren church, Salisbury, Pa.,	5 00
" Bethany, Va.,	3 00
" Johnstown, Pa.,	5 00
" Washington, D. C.,	26 18
Total,	\$40 18

CHICAGO FUND

Wm. M. Hamilton, Zanesville, Ind.,	\$5 00
Laura Slotter, North Ontario, Calif.,	2 00
Mrs. Wm. Leonard, "	1 00
M. B. Summers, Chicago, Ill.,	5 00
Offerings, Chicago Mission,	5 38
Total,	\$18 38

Total in full,	\$79 16
Cash amount previously reported,	1294 91
Total,	\$1374 07

EXPENDITURES

Cash paid direct to W. M. Lyon,	40 18
" " J. O. Talley,	18 38
Total,	\$ 58 56
Expenditures previously reported,	1327 82
	\$1366 38

Take notice that missions were only \$78 16 for the month and the expenses \$175 00.

JACOB C. CASSEL,
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

Indiana Mission Items

Since last report the following pastors have responded to our plea for an Easter offering for State [missions: J. H. Swihart, Berne

and Roanoke; C. F. Yoder, Fairview and Warsaw; L. W. Ditch, Oakville; L. O. Hubbard, Brighton, New Highland, New Enterprise. Thus eleven pastors serving twenty-one churches have responded. May we not hear from all the others.

Brother Ditch writes that he will give the first and third Sundays to the work. Help us as you can and we as a board will carry on work as means permit.

WM. H. MILLER.

Sec. M. B. of Brethren church of Ind.

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J. ALLEN MILLER

The present, as much as any age in the past, is all absorbed in the constantly recurring problems of human life and destiny. No age has been richer than ours in material and spiritual blessing. The accumulated wisdom of the past, the achievements of skill, the triumphs of personal liberty, the faith and hope of the fathers, the love and sympathy and tenderness of the great hearts, — these the riches of all bygone centuries are ours. What an ever-increasing wealth the race bequeaths to each succeeding generation! For it is true as Tennyson sings,

"I the heir of all the ages, in the foremost files of time."

But it is also true that the wisdom of this world can not solve the questions that so much perplex us. Every attempted solution of the "whence" and "whither" of man has staggered the profoundest intellects. And what marvel? Since these questions are freighted with immortal interests, bearing upon their wings the eternal destinies of all ages and generations of man. What marvel, I say, that philosophers and shepherds, kings and slaves of all ages and of every people stand first amazed and then terror-stricken when brought face to face with destiny! Whence came I? Whither go I? The answers to these questions include all philosophy and all theology and the inevitable fortune of every man.

With these enigmatical problems men have ever wrestled,—men of gigantic intellect, and intense purpose, and hearts that were touched with the universal soul-hunger have sacrificed their lives in attempted solutions. Some kissed their hands to the host of heaven, and others some bowed themselves before the vast and varied sciences and forces of nature about them. Some indeed looked into the mysteries of their inner selves for light and alas, alas, but few found and knew God who is Good. And so it came to pass that not a people is found that has not some cultus either religious or philosophical. So arose the great representative and many minor non-christian religions. How inadequate and utterly unsatisfactory all these efforts have been is evidenced by their fruits.

Almost two milleniums past there came One into the midst of men with a message of infinite simplicity and transcendent glory and eternal moment. Why so incomparable? Because it was an answer to every inquiry of